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ON TRADE

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FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM STATEMENT READ BY ESCAP SECRETARIAT

OFFICIAL GONTHA, REFERRED TO IN REFTEL:

QUOTE: IT IS CORRECT THAT THE UN OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
NOW CONSIDERS THAT THE SRV IS A MEMBER OF ESCAP. DEVELOPMENTS
HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
REGARDS ITSELF AS THE SUCCESSOR STATE IN INTERNATIONAL OR-
GANIZATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS OF THE FORMER REPUBLIC
OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,
IN CASES WHERE BOTH WERE PROVIOUSLY MEMBERS OR WHERE ONLY THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM WAS A MEMBER. THIS POSITION HAS BEEN
ACCEPTED IN VARIOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, RECENT EXAMPLES BEING
IBRD AND IMF AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL CURRENTLY HAS BEFORE IT
AN APPLICATION FROM THE SRV FOR SINGLE MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN.

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IN LIGHT OF THE FORGOING, THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS

IS NOW TREATING THE SRV AS THE AUTOMATIC SUCCESSOR STATE, WHICH INTER ALIA ENTAILS, ACCORDING TO IT, FULL MEMBEERSHIP RIGHTS IN ESCAP, INCLUDING INVITATIONS TO MEETINGS.

IT IS THE POSITION OF THE SRV THAT THE SUCCESSION OCCURRED ON 2 JULY 1976, THE DATE WHICH THE TWO FORMER VIETNAMESE STATES WERE OFFICIALLY REUNIFIED. ANY LISTING OF ESCAP MEMBER STATES DEALING WITH THE PERIOD SUBSEQUENT TO 2 JULY 1976 SHOULD THEREFORE LIST THE SRV AS THE MEMBER IN PLACE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

IT WAS ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE THAT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS INVITED THE SRV TO ATTEND THIS MEETING OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE AND HAS EXTENDED FULL MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS FOR THE FRV TO ATTEND ESCAP MEETINGS. END QUOTE

2. STATEMENT WAS PREPARED LOCALLY ON THE BASIS OF LEGAL ADVICE FROM UN OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS.

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